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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hiroshi TAKAGI; Kentro TAKEMAE

Serial No: T/B/A (U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP01/06051, filed July 12, 2001)

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: SAFETY INDWELLING NEEDLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Attn.: Box PCT, RO/US

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4-6 as follows:

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